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On the 30th July, at Mountain View, the Peak,
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DEATH.
On the 30th July, at the Government Civil
Hospital, after a short illness, CHAS. PERKINS, a
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HONGKONG, 1st AUGUST, 1904.

THE recent rehabilitation of the Dowager Empress Tz'u-Hsi is one of those things which speak more for the heart than the consistency of those representing foreign interests in China. If there were any reason to believe that a change had come over her feelings or policy, or that she were a whit more disposed to take the lead in any reform conducive to the interests of the Empire over which she presides, the change in our attitude would be not only unobjectionable but laudable, but of this we are safe in saying there is not the slightest evidence. We do not of course shut our eyes to the fact that the China of to-day is very different from that of even five years ago, and that things are openly spoken about, and even put in hands throughout the length and breadth of the land, of which five years ago the very mention would have meant not merely loss of position, but loss of life itself; but with all this there is no evidence to connect the Empress herself. According to official reckoning the Empress Dowager will within a few weeks have attained the age of sixty-nine, an age little susceptible to new impressions; she is stated to have preserved her mental faculties, and still preserves her grasp on current events. It is at least noteworthy that no new influence is mentioned in connection with her surroundings. Those brought in contact with the Court speak of her personal influence over her ministers as still powerful, and that this

is the true reason why her continuance as the real head of the state is at the moment indispensable, and the only choice left is the Empress or anarchy. The Emperor himself has been so long accustomed to move in leading strings that to cut himself loose would now be fatuous, and of course all hope of a direct heir must now be given up. According to all precedent his successor should belong to a younger generation, and unfortunately there is no one in the line of succession who has displayed any ability for office. Amongst the surrounding nations in Asia collateral descent is rather preferred, it being held that a brother or nephew who has arrived at years of maturity, especially if he has already displayed talent, is to be selected before a son or nephew, if of tender years. This though at first sight sound in principle, has in all ages been the fruitful mother of rebellion, and the seeming narrowness of the Chinese rule has undoubtedly contributed to the exemption of China from dynastic irregularities. The present trouble has arisen through the failure of direct heirs to the Emperor Hsien-Fung, and the fact that his only son and successor, Tung-Chi, died without issue almost as soon as he had assumed the reins of government. Without mentioning any of the sinister rumours which have from time to time been current, it is pretty certain that Tung-Chi's widow was at the time of his death pregnant, and her early death, certainly hastened through the harsh conduct of the Dowager Tz'u-Hsi, has been the direct cause of the present trouble. Unfortunately, too, the present Emperor, selected at the instance of the Empress Regent, was brought up deliberately in such a way as to extinguish any remains of manly feeling, and grew up a puny, neglected child with no better associates than the imperial eunuchs. Now all these facts are well known, and should incline to caution those gushing people who all at once have been bairnishing with ill-judged effusiveness the Dowager Empress. It is occasionally unfortunate for public manners that to avoid worse evils the world, even of the elect, has to close its eyes to the unsavoury deeds of those who occupy high places. The Empress Dowager as Regent is under present conditions a necessity, and as such we can ever wish well to her reign. In the necessary intercourse of states the private life of a monarch for public reasons is not to be enquired into. Recent affairs have shown that under the recent rule of the Empress Dowager affairs have certainly progressed, and the people of the Empire are at once happier and better off nationally and individually than at any period for the last seventy years. This we are happy to allow has in the main been brought about by the strong character of the woman who occupies the place of the Throne, and who has in that high position shown herself a stronger and abler ruler than any of the descendants of the great Emperor K'ang-Hi. This is no reason that the private life of the Empress should be ignored, and still less that that favour should be extended to her infamous surroundings. This is, however, the phase of society most prominent in Peking at the moment. From a public point of view it is hardly consonant with the highest diplomacy; from a private it is not becoming in the eyes, at least, of those who would fain see a nobler example set.

Newchwang has declared Hongkong an infected port.

During the day ending noon on the 30th ult. there were two plague fatalities.

Mr. Anderson, according to a North China paper, is the new secretary of the Tientsin Club.

All the Government Departments, except that of the Police Magistrate, are taking to-day their Bank Holiday.

The revised sampan regulations appear in the last Government Gazette. The usual regulations for electric trolley cars are also published.

When Captain Davies, of the *Beige Maru*, was appointed manager of the Grand Hotel at Yokohama, Mr. Louis Eppinger, the veteran manager, was retained as adviser.

Messrs. A. S. Watson & Co., Limited, have appointed chemists to His Excellency the Governor, a distinction enjoyed by the firm ever since its foundation in 1841.

Last night Hongkong sailors were busy with rumours of a mishap to another British warship, the *Glory*, which was said to have gone ashore near Weihaiwei. Our reporter was unable to obtain any confirmation.

The friends of Mr. Charles Perkins will regret to observe in another column the announcement of his death, which occurred after a short illness at the Government Civil Hospital on Saturday. The deceased had been in the employ of Messrs. C. J. Gaupp & Co. for upwards of 15 years. He leaves a wife and four children to mourn his loss.

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A picture in the *Sphere*, alleged to represent a Japanese railway station, "where troops leave for the front," has been recognised as a well-known photograph of the Kobo Club.

Hospital Sergeant Schmidt, of the German Military Pasteur Institute at Tientsin, died of hydrocephalus on the 16th ult. It is supposed he must have somehow got inoculated from a patient who had previously died in horrible agony.

There was a fairly large crowd at the Metropole Theatre on Saturday night, the trams inducing many to spend the evening after the races there. In addition to the regular performers, Mr. "Will" Lansdowne was singing.

The Japanese Government Tobacco Monopoly is now engaged in manufacturing some 150,000 cigarettes, to be called the "Asahi" and "Yamakura" brands, to the order of the War Office. The cigarettes will, says the *Chronicle*, be supplied to the troops at the front.

A Chinese "mad mullah" has arisen on the skirts of Burma. He was variously known as Hkun Li and Ah Hsai; had a retinue of fighting men; and announced his Royal intention to march on Mandalay. Mr. Stirling, superintendent of the Northern Shan States, with 25 military police, attacked and killed him and seventeen of his followers on the 8th ult.

Here is the programme of music to be performed by the Band of the 1st Sherwood Foresters on the New Parade Ground to-day (Monday) from 5 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. March Hounds across the Sea (Sousa); Overture, Martha (Plotow); Selection, Maritana (Wallace); Gavotte, Rose May (Bradley); Selection, The Gingalee (Monckton); Valse Lento, Naila (Delibes); Regimental March, The Young May Moon; National Anthem.

Russia is still using the excuse which she utilised when the Japanese sank the *Varyag*. We read in a paper, "the garrison were unprepared for the last Japanese assault." A good excuse should not be overdone. They ought to know by now (says the *Globe*) that the war has begun. The hardships of the common soldiers in Port Arthur increase momentarily. The latest news is that General Stoeckel has begun to make stirring speeches to them on Mondays and Thursdays.Messrs. Hughes and Hough, coal brokers, report on the 30th July that the *Tydeus* is bringing a thousand tons of coal from Wales; the *Oscar II*, the *Goodwin*, *Fayal*, and *Heckford* 19,500 tons between them from Japan; and the *Eastern* 500 tons of Australian and New Zealand coal. In the last ten days 32,300 tons of Japanese coal arrived and was sold. Cardiff is quoted at \$18 ex-ship; Australian \$11; Yubari lump and Miiki lump \$12 and \$10 respectively; nominal; Moji lump steady at \$6.50 to \$10 ex-ship.

As the Russian Society for the Exploration of Central and Eastern Asia made the request, the Ministry of Finance has given permission for the duty-free exportation to Persia, and also to China, of all such arms and ammunition as are necessary for the protection of the members of the "archaeological expeditions," which the society sends to the countries referred to. The arms and ammunition will be allowed also to return to Russia without the payment of any customs or duty charges.

The Assessor, Mr. Arthur Chapman, reports that the new valuation makes the rateable value of Victoria \$5,342,470. Last year's assessment was only £7,27,100. The increase is therefore equal to 12.32 per cent. The Hill District's assessment has gone up 15.15 per cent. Aberdeen, 10.93 per cent; Hongkong Villages, 5.52 per cent; Kowloon Point 20.27 per cent; Yau Ma Tei, nine per cent; Hing Hom, 21.36 per cent; and Kowloon Villages, 32 per cent. All these increases mean that the rateable value of the whole colony has been raised 18.03 per cent—from \$8,749,643 to \$9,890,521.

A ridiculous letter from the "Life Culture Society" of Los Angeles has been shown to us by a local resident. It promises him a treatment that will keep him healthy and beautiful and youthful for "over a hundred years." The "president" of the society, a man called Segno, thoughtfully encloses a table of American money and "its equivalent in English coin." That is, apparently, the "secret of long life"—the more you pay, the longer you live. Mr. Segno makes much of restoring the cells of the human organs. We think his cells would be correctly spelled with an "S."

R.A.O.B.

A very enjoyable evening was spent at the R.A.O.B. Lodge at the monthly election of officers. Prime Thompson, of Lodge Victoria, Shanghai, visited, and a right down good welcome was accorded to him. The health of the officers of the Victoria Lodge was drunk in bumper. The following is a list of the officers for the ensuing month:

Primo Oxberry, Sitting Prime; Primo Musso, City Marshall; Bro. Kemp, City Tyler; Bro. S. D. Sutin, City Chamberlain; Bro. Hung Mak Hoi; Primo Blake, City Treasurer; Bro. Young Hoo, Asst. City Treasurer; Primo Radcliffe, City Waiter; Primo Madar, Assistant City Waiter; Bro. Smith, City Taster; Bro. Cooper, City Register; Bro. Walston, City Physician; Primo Hyett, City Alderman of Benevolence; Bro. MacLean, City Minstrel; and Primo Blake, Steward and Host.

The following contributed to the harmony of the evening:

Bros. Walston, Rogers, Cooper, Devney, Hyett, Goodall, Webb, Radcliffe and Primo Oxberry, after which Auld Lang Syne was sung, the whole terminating with the National Anthem. The Club is giving a big outing on August 7th to Macao, and a great demand is being made for tickets.

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TELEGRAMS.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

FRANCE AND THE POPE.

LONDON, 30th July.

France has broken off diplomatic relations with the Vatican.

[REUTER'S SERVICE.]

THE S. S. "MALACCA."

LONDON, 28th July.

The Russian prize crew of the *Malacca* has been landed at Algiers and the British Consul has taken possession of the vessel, which will resume her voyage in a week.

FRANCE.

LONDON, 28th July.

M. Combes has summoned an extraordinary council of Members for Friday, for which reason General Lebœuf has postponed his departure to the country.

The Bishop of Dijon has obeyed the summons from the Vatican to proceed to Rome.

29th July.

After a prolonged Cabinet Council in Paris, a note has been telegraphed to the Vatican, which it is reported involves a complete rupture of relations.

THE MURDER OF M. PLEHVE.

The following messages, supplementary to our own correspondent's telegram published at the time, have since come from Reuter:

MINISTER PLOHVE HAS BEEN ASSASSINATED BY A BOMB THROWN INTO HIS CARRIAGE. THE COACHMAN WAS KILLED AND HIS HORSES AND CARRIAGE SHATTERED; M. PLOHVE'S ARM AND BOTH LEGS WERE TORN FROM THE TRUNK.

M. Voronov, the late M. Plohve's chief assistant, has been appointed Minister of the Interior in the interim.

The King has telegraphed to the Tsar his sympathy at the loss of a distinguished Minister.

Mr. John Hay, U.S. Secretary of State, has also cabled his condolences.

RUSSO-GERMAN COMMERCIAL TREATY.

LONDON, 29th July.

Count von Buslow and M. de Witte signed the new Commercial Treaty yesterday in Berlin.

FINLAND'S REIGN OF TERROR.

LONDON, 29th July.

The *Daily Telegraph* says that a reign of terror exists at Helsingfors, and the deportation of the prominent Finns has begun anew.

BOWLS.

KOWLOON BOWLING GREEN CLUB.

Members of the Kowloon Bowling Green Club spent a very pleasant afternoon over their spoon competition on Saturday. In spite of the counter attack of the races there was a very fair attendance, the gathering including many ladies. Five rinks were engaged in the various contests. At the conclusion of the games Mr. Jas. Neish presented his prize to the winners of the "Neish" Competition. The winners were Messrs. J. Galt and J. Ramsay, each of whom received a pair of silver-mounted bowls. Mr. William Ramsay, in a short speech, thanked Mr. Neish for his handsome prize.

Mrs. W. Ramsay presented other prizes as follows:—Messrs. J. Kyles and J. Galt, seconds; Messrs. J. Galt, J. Murell, J. Walker, R. Baxter, F. Edwards, J. W. Robertson, J. Ramsay, J. Parkes, G. K. Haxton and J. C. Gow, winners of spoons.

A very pleasant afternoon's sport closed with three cheers for Mr. Jas. Neish; and three cheers for the ladies.

THE "LEVIATHAN."

The *Leviathan* went into No. 1 drydock at Kowloon on Saturday morning. On her hull being bare it was seen that the midship part of the vessel must have rested somewhat heavily on the table of rock which she "found," when anchored at Yungching Bay. The nature of the damage shows clearly that the rocky bottom in question was not of a particularly uneven nature; it bruised, but did not pierce the vessel's bottom.Another thing that was particularly fortunate under the circumstances was that the *Leviathan* had no centre keel to be driven through her bottom. She has bilge-keels, or rolling-chocks, like the most modern class of warships. When the vessel "sat down" the plates started, and allowed water to find its way into the tank space between the vessel's inner and outer shells. This space, however, being in compartments the water was confined to amidships. Altogether some 100 feet of plates will have to be removed—that is, 100 feet of four lines of plates. The repairs ought to take about six weeks.

WEATHER REPORT.

The Hongkong Observatory yesterday issued the following report:

On the 31st at 11.40 a.m. The barometer has fallen in S. China and Japan and risen slightly in the Yangtze valley; in the Philippines it is stationary.

Gradually the sun is on the China Coast and light S. winds will prevail in the Formosa Channel and light moderate E. winds in the Northern part of the China Sea.

Forecast:—Moderate E. winds, cloudy, showery.

THE WAR.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

PORT ARTHUR.

BELIEVED TO BE CAPTURED.

LONDON, 30th July.

The British Fleet are to return to Weihaiwei to-morrow.

It is believed that Port Arthur has been captured. The Japanese loss is reported to have been 11,000.

THE RUSSIAN DECISION.

LONDON, 30th July.

The Russian Foreign Office has decided that her Volunteer cruisers

Smolensk and St. Petersburg shall remain in commission as warships, with the right to search, and, if thought necessary, to sink neutral vessels.

[JAPANESE OFFICIAL TELEGRAM.]

THE RECENT BATTLE AT TASHIKIAO.

TOKYO, 29th July.

General Oku further reports, among other things, that according to the statement of captured Russian officers, General Kuropatkin was present on the battlefield, that Generals Sakaloff and Condradovitch were wounded, and that the Russian casualties were about 2,000. Our casualties amount to 1,000; the booty and number of prisoners taken are under investigation.

[REUTER'S SERVICE.]

and 12 officers, as well as pontoons. In the *Hitachi Maru* were found more than 1,000 troops, besides military stores. The cruiser *Rossia* was ordered to capture the *Sado Maru* and the cruiser *Gromoboi* the *Hitachi Maru*, which tried to escape.

After several shots had been fired warning the transport to stop without effect, the guns opened in earnest against the vessel, and she stopped. Those on board, however, paid no attention to the signal to abandon the vessel, and only after several more shots had been fired did they begin to lower their boats. The transport settled down very slowly, and consequently the *Gromoboi* received orders to expedite the sinking. This was soon accomplished by the Russian cruiser.

The *Sado Maru* stopped after several shots had been fired across her bows, and in accordance with the Russian signals her boats, which were fairly numerous, were lowered. Some of the boats were let down precipitately and several capsized. Others, crowded with men, headed for Toshima and Iki Shima, those islands being visible in the distance. The weather was calm and the sea perfectly quiet. The cruiser *Rossia* received orders to pick up the officers, soldiers, and crew, but it was only possible to capture four foreigners engaged on the transport and 25 officers. The *Rossia* was then ordered to torpedo and sink her. The transport not having been sunk by the first torpedo, a second was fired at her and sank her.

Our squadron then, considering the matter at an end, and in view also of the growing darkness, proceeded on its cruise. A Japanese cruiser was watching them all the while. On the following day in the Tsugaru Straits the squadron stopped the British steamer *Allerton*. Her captain declared to the officers sent to examine her that he was proceeding from Mikura to Singapore with 6,500 tons of coal. The examination of the crew, the inspection of ship's papers, and certain irregularities in the log, coupled with the fact that the steamer had previously conveyed contraband of war to Japan, led us to doubt the neutrality of her cargo, and she was sent to Vladivostock under guard in charge of Lieutenant Petroff. There her case will be examined by the Prize Court. No other ships were seen during the cruise. On board the *Allerton* was found a Japanese subject of the educated class. He was apparently one of the crew.

The Emperor also received the following telegram from Admiral Skrydoff:—

"A division of torpedo-boats, under the command of Captain Vinegradsky, Aide-de-camp to the Grand Duke, the Grand Admiral, which was sent by me on the 15th inst. on an expedition to the coasts of Japan, returned to Vladivostock to-day. The torpedo-boats approached the port of Eussia, on the island of Hokkaido, but fog prevented them from entering the port. They captured several trading schooners and transport schooners, and brought 110 passengers with them to port. An examination of the schooners' papers and cargo shows that the majority of them were taking fish and rice to the ports of Sasebo and Shimonoseki."

HONGKONG ELECTRIC TRAMWAYS.

The new electric trams catered for the public for the first time on Saturday, but only over a portion of the system. It was confidently expected that everything would be in readiness by the first of August, but the job at Arsenal Street is taking longer than was anticipated; the poles there have yet to be erected. The part of the line now open lies from Arsenal Street eastward. No provision for 5-cent fares, by the way, seems to have been made on the tickets. If we partly reproduce the ticket it will perhaps describe the 10-cent rides, as clearly as would be done otherwise:—

Fir. tClass Fare 10-cents.—Ken'y Town to Wing Lok St.—Whitby St. to Post Office.—Wing Lok St. to Arsenal St.—Post Office to Observation Pl.—Arsenal St. to Causeway Bay or Race Course.—Observation Pl. to Metropole Hotel.—Causeway Bay to New Dock.—Metropole Hotel to Shaukiwan.

The first tram started from Arsenal Street at about 10 a.m. It was under the control of Mrs. Jones, wife of Hon. P. N. H. Jones, Acting Director of Public Works. Mr. J. Gray Scott, general manager of the line, explained to Mrs. Jones the rudiments of the controlling system, and that lady took her place as driver, Master Gaskell warning off obstructionists with the sounding bell. Included amongst those on board were Mr. H. A. Pratt, Mrs. L. A. M. Hamilton, Mrs. H. J. Gumpert, Mrs. J. Gray Scott, the Hon. P. N. H. Jones, the Rev. R. Shewell, Messrs. J. Gray Scott, Gaskell, A. Emerson, and E. R. Graham.

When the car had run to the Bowring Street end the line was formally declared

open. Afternoon cars had a busy time taking passengers to and from the Race Course. The day's work on the whole must be judged creditable, there were a few blemishes incidents. After the first instance, a number of people, two or three of the cars, and shouted for "go ahead." The car did not start their bidding. After waiting for some time the occupants became impatient when Mr. Gray Scott, known to be a simpleton, was simply stumped with earnestness, and "set her going." Mr. Scott did so, and the car moved slowly to please some of them. When the car was reached, and the driver had a few moments before him, he satisfied the impatient with the speed attained, but they had to have some "bumping." It will, no doubt, take Chinese drivers a few days to learn this "piggin" before they are really efficient, as it is in first-class condition.

HONGKONG JOTTINGS.

Saturday being the first working day of the new tram system, it is perhaps unnecessary to dwell on the blemishes that were to be noticed. I hope that as the novelty wears off the Chinese conductors will learn to abstain from their unnecessary shrieks and yells, and that they will resign themselves to a tamer parting with the cluster of Celestial acquaintances whose company on the footboards seemed to them necessary. The noise was distracting, and until it shows signs of abatement I shall be tempted to stick to the jumpy-jumpy rickshaws. My coolie on Saturday night almost turned green when he saw the occasional flashes from the broken sections of the overhead wires. He plainly regarded the whole thing as "devilish," and gave the line as wide a berth as he could.

The "Lady Nathan" who was announced in one of the published passenger lists to be accompanying His Excellency the Governor to Hongkong has not arrived, nor has Miss Nathan, who, according to the Colombo papers, was to be entertained with Sir Matthew by Sir Henry and Lady Blake on the arrival of the *Moldavia* at Colombo. Miss Nathan, in fact, remains in London.

An unusually large number of beggars—both European and Chinese—seen to be on the streets just now, pestering those who pass by for alms. Both classes no doubt keep beyond the ken of the police, but I have heard many complaints lately, especially regarding the importunity of the European hucksters.

The sport at Saturday's Gymkhana may be summed up in an old phrase—"short and sweet."

There were at least two ding-dong races, the last one in which Arranapogee was beaten by a short head, and the other in which Ca Cannay got home, as Willie Freear would say, "winning by a tongue."

It seemed indeed from the grand stand as if Desert King might have won

if he had put out his tongue at the crucial moment. Eclipse was a pretty beast, and provided excellent sport. The first eccentric race was not a great success, except that it showed Mr. Johnstone's wonderful ability as a circus rider. The hat-trimming race was fun for everybody. It was amusing to see the row of ladies and their different methods of high-speed millinery; the widely varied attitudes of their waiting squires, bridle in hand, some looking impatient, almost bored; others wisely kneeling and making themselves useful to the fair decorators. The ponies utilised the five minutes of waiting characteristically by trimming a little grass for themselves. The concrete paddock, while not so attractive as the lawns at Home, is a vast improvement on its sandy predecessor.

As usual, there was a considerable exodus of residents from the Colony for the Bank Holiday. The bulk of the holiday-makers, of course, went to Macao, where the rooms at the hotels had been booked weeks in advance. *Fan-tan* croupiers must have had a busy, and it is safe to add, a profitable time. In this connection I may mention a report which is current that a Belgian company is arranging, or perhaps I ought to say, trying to arrange, for the opening of a Casino at Macao, on Monte Carlo lines. A considerable item in the revenue account of the neighbouring Portuguese Colony is the sum paid for the *fan-tan* monopoly, and I presume the terms of the agreement with the Government are comprehensive enough to exclude the Casino at least during the continuance of the agreement. But the promoters of the Casino, to the report runs, have offered to dredge the harbour by way of inducement. As, however, they stipulated that the mud so removed from the harbour should be regarded as their property, the Government did not regard the inducement with favour, as Macao mud, I understand, is one of the assets of the Colony, being regarded I am told as a valuable constituent in the manufacture of cement. And so the Casino-project remains but a project.

It would be amusing if it were not so provoking to find other ports still declaring Hongkong to be an "infected port." Nowchwang has just distinguished itself in this way. I suppose the alleged cause of the decision is the existence of plague here, but the cause of the epidemic has now been run, and a week's total cases might now be counted on the fingers of one hand.

Three-quarters-of-a-mile.

A flat race for Hongkong and China Pony Subscription Griffins of any season which have never won an official race or a race under the auspices of this Club. Unplaced Ponies allowed 5lbs. Jockeys who have won an official race in Hongkong or China to carry 2lbs. extra. Jockeys who have never won an official race in Hongkong or China or a race under the auspices of this Club allowed 5lbs. Entrance fee \$5. First Prize: a Cup presented by the Club. Second prize: \$25.

Mr. J. Johnstone's *Vanity*—(Mr. Johnstone) 1

Mr. W. A. Crickshank's *Belle Helene*—(Mr. Crickshank) 2

Major Hamilton's *Stoneybrooke*—(Major Hamilton) 0

Capt. Ward's *Firebrand*—(Capt. Ward) 0

Mr. G. F. Gaskell's *Witch*—(Mr. Gaskell) 0

Mr. J. F. Knob's *Wolff*—(Mr. Knob) 0

Mr. T. S. Forrest's *The Biter*—(Mr. Forrest) 0

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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 2nd to the 16th AUGUST, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
T. ARNOLD,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 26th July, 1904. [1820]

**HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK-
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By Order of the Court of Directors,
J. R. M. SMITH,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 30th July, 1904. [1858]

**HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK-
ING CORPORATION.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the REGISTERS of SHARES of the Corporation will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 6th to the 20th day of AUGUST next (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
J. R. M. SMITH,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 30th July, 1904. [1859]

**HONGKONG & WHAMPOA DOCK
COMPANY, LIMITED.**

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

**THE ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY
MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS** will be held in the OFFICES of the COMPANY, Queen's Buildings, Connaught Road, on MONDAY, the 22nd AUGUST, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving the report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts to the 30th June, 1904.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 8th to the 22nd AUGUST, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
THOS. I. ROSE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 30th July, 1904. [1860]

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

ISSUE OF 30,000 NEW SHARES of \$10 EACH.

PURSUANT to Resolution of the General Managers of A. S. Watson & Co., Limited, they apply to the Shareholders of the Company for the issue of 30,000 new shares of \$10 each at a Premium of 10 per cent. or \$11 a share.

Each Registered Shareholder on the 28th day of September, 1904, applying for the New Issue will be entitled to one share for every two shares registered in his name. Shares not applied for by those entitled to apply will be dealt with by the General Managers in accordance with Article 40 of the Company's Articles of Association.

Applications for Shares in the New Issue will be received by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation in Hongkong from the 25th September, 1904, to the 30th September, 1904, both days inclusive, and the whole amount of \$11 per share will be payable on application.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 28th September, 1904, to the 8th October, 1904, both days inclusive.

The present paid-up Capital of the Company is \$600,000, divided into 60,000 shares of \$10 each, and the New Issue is required to increase the Capital of the Company to \$900,000 divided into 90,000 shares of \$10 each.

The whole of the premium received from the New Issue will be placed to the Credit of the Permanent Reserve Fund.

The New Issue will rank for Dividend for the three months ending 31st December, 1904, payable in May, 1905.

Forms of application for the New Issue can be obtained at the Company's Offices in Alexandra Buildings or at the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, Hongkong, Shanghai, and London.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 22nd June, 1904. [1546]

**HONGKONG
BUSINESS DIRECTORY.**

JEWELLERS

MAISON LEVY HERMANS

Diamond Merchants and Watchmakers, 40
Watson's Building, Queen's Road. Also
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Coal Merchants, Hardware, Engineers
Tools, Metal, Iron and Steel Merchants

144, Des Voeux Road.

THE UNITED ASBESTOS ORIENTAL AGENCY, LTD.

The report for presentation to the shareholders of this company at the forthcoming meeting is as follows:

The General Managers have now the pleasure to lay before the shareholders the accompanying statement of accounts for the year ended 31st May, 1904.

ACCOUNTS.

The balance at the credit of profit and loss account, after writing off \$249.33 for depreciation and bad debts and including \$119.44 brought forward from last year, is \$20,360.23 which it is proposed to appropriate as follows:

To place to reserve fund \$6,000.00

To pay a dividend of 15 per cent. on ordinary shares 5,940.00

To General Managers' remuneration 2,000.00

To pay a further dividend of 7½ per cent. on ordinary shares 2,970.00

To pay \$22.70 per share on 100 founders' shares 2,970.00

To carry forward to new account 480.23

\$20,360.23

AUDITOR.

The accounts now presented have been audited by Mr. W. H. Potts, who, being eligible, offers himself for re-election.

DODWELL & CO., LTD.,
General Managers.

The accounts are as follows:

BALANCE-SHEET.

31st May, 1904.

LIABILITIES.
To capital 9,000 ordinary shares \$ c. \$ 10.00 of \$10, which \$4 per share
paid 36,000.00
100 founders' shares of \$10 1,000.00

fully paid 36,000.00

ASSETS. \$ c. \$ 40,600.00

By launch *Gladiolus* as per last account 3,000.00
Value of furniture and fittings 250.00
By since expended 272.75

By less written off 272.75

200.00

By value of material on hand 34,345.63

By unexpired portion of insurance policies 222.02

By sundry debtors 12,336.02

By cash in current account and on deposit with the H. & S. B. C. 38,391.20

By cash in hands of general managers 202.65

885,827.52

PEOPLES AND LOSS ACCOUNT
31st May, 1904.

To trade expenses, salaries, commissions, &c. 43,055.83
To auditor's fee 100.00
To depreciation for year ending 31st May 272.75
To bad debts 159.58

To balance carried to new account 20,360.23

\$83,975.39

SHARE REPORT.

Messrs. Erich Georg & Co., in their Weekly Share List, dated 30th July, say:

A fair amount of business has been transacted during the week under review, and taken as a whole the market has ruled very firm throughout. The sterling demand rate on London closes at 1s. 10d., while Shanghai rates are unchanged. *Baikin* in London is quoted 27d., and *Consols* 28d.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

ANDREE RICKMERS, German str., 1,020, H. Kohn, 31st July.—Bangkok 25th July, Ries and Moal.—North German Lloyd.

BALLAABAT, British str., 4,297, Sumatra, 30th July.—Shanghai 27th July. Mails and General.—P. & O. S. N. Co.

CHIYUEN, Chinese str., 1,177, Stewart, 31st July.—Canton 30th July, General.—Chinese.

DU, Portuguese gunboat, 720, Pardo d'Azvedo Conti, from Macao.

FAUSAN, British str., 1,410, T. Mitchell, 29th July, Sourabaya 21st July, Sugar—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

GLENGLE, British str., 2,369, W. J. Larkins, 31st July.—Amoy 30th July, General.—Chinese.

HANOT, French str., 735, P. Marles, 30th July.—Haiphong 27th July, Hanoi 29th July, Bullocks, Pigs and General.—A. R. Martyn & Co.

HONGKONG, British str., 2,555, W. Dawson, 31st July.—Singapore 26th July, General.—Chinese.

HUE, French str., 705, Godin, 31st July.—Haiphong 30th July, General.—A. R. Martyn.

KWANGLEE, Chinese str., 1,540, Lincoln, 31st July.—Shanghai 27th July, General.—Chinese.

KWONGSANG, British str., 1,427, Lake, 30th July.—Canton 29th July, General.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

LEVITATION, British cruiser, 14,100, Kirby, 29th July.—Yang Shing Bay 25th July.

LYEEMON, German str., 1,233, Th. Lehmann, 30th July.—Canton 29th July, Ries—Siemens & Co.

PETCHABURI, German str., 1,373, G. Hillmann, 31st July.—Bangkok 21st July via Swatow 30th July, Rice and Teak Squares—North German Lloyd.

PETRAKH, German str., 1,353, C. Ahrens, 30th July.—Saigon 26th July, General.—Chinese.

SAGANI, British str., 2,500, F. J. Littlehares, 31st July.—Manila 28th July, General.—

TEAN, British str., 1,345, A. Sommerville, 30th July.—Maula 27th July, Hemp—Butterfield & Swire.

TELEXACHUS, British str., 1,340, J. Williamson, 31st July.—Saigon 27th July, Rice and General.—Chinese.

THALIS, British str., 924, A. J. Robson, 30th July.—Swatow 29th July, General.—Douglas Lapraik & Co.

THEMIS, Norwegian str., 1,209, T. Thomassen, 30th July.—Kobe via Moji 22nd July, General.—Chinese.

TRITON, German str., 768, A. Hansen, 31st July.—Foochow, Amoy and Swatow 30th July, General.—Johnson & Co.

TYE, Norwegian str., 1,412, D. L. Danielson, 30th July.—Canton 29th July, General.—Sander, Wieler & Co.

CLEARANCES.

AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE.

30th July.

EEANG, British str., for Tientsin.

EEYECMOON, German str., for Shanghai.

DEPARTURES.

29th July.

HUMBER, British shipowner, for Weihaiwei.

VALE OF DOON, Sarawak barque, for Rajang.

30th July.

ANDALUSIA, German str., for Tintan.

DAOGMAR, German str., for Singapore.

EMPIRE, British str., for Kobe.

HAICHUNG, British str., for Taksu.

HAIRAN, French str., for Pakhoi.

HISHEH HO, Chinese str., for Shanghai.

KUBIA, British str., for Shanghai.

RUTH, Norwegian str., for Bangkok.

TAIYUAN, British str., for Amoy.

TYE, Norwegian str., for Hongkong.

YATSHING, British str., for Sourabaya.

ZAFIRO, British str., for Manila.

31st July.

APENRADE, German str., for Haiphong.

BALLAABAT, British str., for Europe.

HENVOBLICH, British str., for Nagasaki.

FRITHJOF, Norwegian str., for Tamsui.

KWONGSANG, British str., for Shanghai.

MATHILDE, German str., for Hoibow.

VESSELS IN DOCK.

30th July.

ABERDEEN DOCKS.—U. S. S. Pathfinder, Shanghai, Madras, Dr. H. J. Kier, Esq., H. M. S. Leviathan.

COSMOPOLITAN DOCK.—

THE Company's Steamship

"THALES".

Captain Robson will be despatched for the above ports TO-MORROW, the 2nd August, at 11 A.M.

For Freight or Passage apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, 30th July, 1904. [1867]

FOR MANILA.

THE American Steamship

"LEGAZPI".

Captain D. Yribar, will be despatched as above TO-MORROW, the 2nd August.

This steamer has superior accommodation for First-Class Passengers, and is fitted throughout with Electric Light.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BARREITO & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 28th July, 1904. [1842]

AMERICAN ASIATIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamship

"EPSOM".

Captain J. White, will be despatched for the above port on THURSDAY, the 23rd August.

For Freight, apply to SHEWAN, TOME'S & CO., General Agents.

Hongkong, 25th July, 1904. [1630]

NATAI LINE OF STEAMERS.

THE Under-signed GENERAL AGENTS in CHINA and JAPAN for the above Line are prepared to issue THOROUGH BILLS OF LADING for all the principal ports in SOUTH ASIA, in connection with INDO-CHINA STATE NAVIGATION Co.'s fortnightly services hence to CALCUTTA. Sailings from CALCUTTA for CAPE POETS every fortnight. For Freight and further particulars, apply to DODWELL & CO., LIMITED, General Agents for China and Japan.

Hongkong, 4th August, 1897.

VESSELS ADVERTISED AS LOADING.

DESTINATION	VESSEL'S NAME	FLAG	CAPTAIN	FOR FREIGHT APPLY TO	TO BE DESPATCHED
LONDON, AMSTERDAM & ANTWERP	KEEMUN	Brit. str.	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-morrow.	
LONDON & ANTWERP, VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	SOCOTRA	Brit. str.	C. J. Benton	About 5th inst.	
LONDON, &c., VIA PORTS OF CALL	SMIL	Brit. str.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	13th inst. at Noon.	
LONDON, AMSTERDAM & ANTWERP	MOYUNE	Brit. str.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	16th inst.	
LONDON, AMSTERDAM & ANTWERP	PELEUS	Brit. str.	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	20th inst.	
LONDON, AMSTERDAM & ANTWERP	GLAUCUS	Brit. str.	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	13th Sept.	
MARSEILLE, LONDON & ANTWERP	BENALDIO	Brit. str.	Wallace	About 9th inst.	
MARSEILLE, &c., VIA PORTS OF CALL	OCEANIAN	Fren. str.	Oliver	9th inst. at 1 P.M.	
BREMEN, VIA PORTS OF CALL	P. VALDKMAR	Dan. str.	MESSAGERS MARITIMES	Quick despatch.	
HAVRE & HAMBURG	C. F. LUITPOLD	Ger. str.	Kock	3rd inst. at Noon.	
HAVRE & HAMBURG	F. FERD LAELISZ	Ger. str.	H. Kirchner	2nd inst.	
HAVRE & HAMBURG	BAEDENIA	Ger. str.	Hooff	18th inst.	
HAVRE & HAMBURG	SPERZA	Ger. str.	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	27th inst.	
HAVRE & HAMBURG	ANALUSIA	Ger. str.	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	6th Sept.	
HAVRE & HAMBURG	SANDIA	Ger. str.	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	20th Sept.	
HAVRE & HAMBURG	SCANDIA	Ger. str.	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	4th Oct.	
HAVRE & HAMBURG	SARPEDON	Brit. str.	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	20th inst.	
HAVRE & HAMBURG	BEDOUIN	Brit. str.	DODWELL & CO., LTD.	About 10th inst.	
HAVRE & HAMBURG	EPSOM	Brit. str.	SHEWAN, TOME'S & CO.	25th inst.	
HAVRE & HAMBURG	E. OF CHINA	Brit. str.	STANDARD OIL CO.	About 10th Sept.	
HAVRE & HAMBURG	MACHTAON	Brit. str.	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO.	3rd inst.	
HAVRE & HAMBURG	AEABIA	Brit. str.	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO.	1st inst.	
HAVRE & HAMBURG	HYADES	Brit. str.	DODWELL & CO., LIMITED	9th inst.	
HAVRE & HAMBURG	Babie	Brit. str.	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	11th inst.	
HAVRE & HAMBURG	Helms	Brit. str.	PORTLAND & ASIATIC CO.	13th inst.	
HAVRE & HAMBURG	TRIUMPH	Brit. str.	GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.	17th inst. at Noon.	
HAVRE & HAMBURG	G. M. MONTFORD	Jap. str.	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	About 11th inst.	
HAVRE & HAMBURG	P. & O. S. N. CO.	Jap. str.	P. & O. S. N. CO.	3rd inst. 10 A.M.	
HAVRE & HAMBURG	OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA	Jap. str.	OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA	7th inst. 10 A.M.	
HAVRE & HAMBURG	M. STRUVE	Jap. str.	OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA	10th inst. 10 A.M.	
HAVRE & HAMBURG	T. BRANDT	Jap. str.	DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO.	To-morrow, 11 A.M.	
HAVRE & HAMBURG	THALES	Jap. str.	CHIHLI	5th inst.	
HAVRE & HAMBURG	ROBSON	Jap. str.	D. Yribar	3rd inst.	
HAVRE & HAMBURG	LEGASPI	Jap. str.	BARREITO & CO.	To-morrow.	
HAVRE & HAMBURG	TEAM	Jap. str.	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	6th inst.	
HAVRE & HAMBURG	RUBI	Jap. str.	SHEWAN, TOME'S & CO.	13th inst., 10 A.M.	
HAVRE & HAMBURG	ZAFIRO	Jap. str.	SIKKAN, TOME'S & CO.	About 12th inst.	
HAVRE & HAMBURG	SHAWMUT	Jap. str.	DODWELL & CO., LTD.	5th inst.	
HAVRE & HAMBURG	SUNGKIAN	Jap. str.	J. G. OLFRENT	3rd inst., 3 P.M.	
HAVRE & HAMBURG	G. APCAR	Jap. str.	DAVID SABSON & CO.	11th inst. at Noon.	
HAVRE & HAMBURG	CAPEI	Jap. str.	CARLOWITZ & CO.	Quick despatch.	
HAVRE & HAMBURG	TJIPANAS	Jap. str.	JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LINE		

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STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, NAPLES, GENOA, ANTWERP, BREMEN/HAMBURG, PORTS IN THE LEVANTE, BLACK SEA AND BALTIQUE PORTS; ALSO LONDON, NEW YORK, BOSTON, BALTIMORE, NEW ORLEANS, GALVESTON, AND SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS.

STEAMERS WILL CALL AT GIBRALTAR AND SOUTHAMPTON TO LAND PASSENGERS AND LUGGAGE.

N.B.—CARGO CAN BE TAKEN ON THROUGH BILLS OF LADING FOR THE PRINCIPAL PLACES IN RUSSIA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

SAILING DATES.

PRINZ REGENT LUITPOLD	... WEDNESDAY	... 3rd August
PREUSSEN	... WEDNESDAY	... 17th August
GNEISENAU	... WEDNESDAY	... 14th September
PRINZ HEINRICH	... WEDNESDAY	... 28th September
BAYERN	... WEDNESDAY	... 12th October
SACHSEN	... WEDNESDAY	... 26th October
ZIETEN	... WEDNESDAY	... 9th November
PRINZESS ALICE	... WEDNESDAY	... 23rd November
PRINZ REGENT LUITPOLD	... WEDNESDAY	... 7th December
PREUSSEN	... WEDNESDAY	... 21st December
PRINZ EITEL FRIEDRICH	... WEDNESDAY	... 4th January 1905.

ON WEDNESDAY, the 3rd day of AUGUST, 1904, at Noon, the Steamship "PRINZ REGENT LUITPOLD" Captain H. Kirchner, with MAIIS. PASSENGERS SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this Port as above, CALLING AT NAPLES and GENOA. Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon on MONDAY, the 1st August. Cargo and Specie will be received on Board until 5 P.M. on TUESDAY, the 2nd August, and Parcels will be received at the Agency's Office until Noon on TUESDAY, the 2nd August. Contents of Packages are required. No Parcel Receipts will be signed for less than \$2.50 and Parcels should not exceed Two Feet Cubic in Measurement. The Steamer has splendid accommodation, and carries a Doctor and Stewardesses. Linen can be washed on board.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

For further Particulars, apply to MELCHERS & CO., AGENTS.

Hongkong, 20th July, 1904. [5]

OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA.

REGULAR STEAM-SHIP SERVICES BETWEEN HONGKONG, SOUTH CHINA COAST PORTS AND FORMOSA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS	LEAVING
"FOOCHOW, VIA SWATOW AND AMOY"	"TRIUMPH" WEDNESDAY, 3rd Aug., at 10 A.M.
"TAMSUI, VIA SWATOW AND AMOY"	"M. STRUVE" SUNDAY, 7th Aug., at 10 A.M.
"ANPING, VIA SWATOW AND AMOY"	"TRITOS" WEDNESDAY, 10th Aug., at 10 A.M.

On account of the present state of political affairs, all the Company's new steamers have been requisitioned for transport service, and the above-named chartered steamers have been secured instead for maintenance of the Company's coastal services. As soon as the state of affairs permit, the Company will resume running with its specially designed new steamers.

For Freight, Passage, and further information, apply at the Company's local Branch Offices at No. 8 Des Voeux Road Central, Hongkong, 28th July, 1904.

T. ARIMA, Manager [15]

PORTLAND & ASIATIC STEAMSHIP CO.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG SHAI 120 INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, MOJI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA FOR OPERATING IN THE OREGON RAILROAD & NAVIGATION CO.

STEAMSHIP	TONS.	CAPTAIN
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POST OFFICE NOTICES.

BOOKS CONTAINING— 16 Postage Stamps of 4 cents
12 " " 2 cents
12 " " 1 cent
may be obtained at the counter of the General Post Office and at Kowloon Post Office.
Price \$1.00 each book.

MAILS WILL CLOSE

FOR	PER	DATE
Hai-phong	Hanoi	Monday, 1st, 9.00 A.M.
Quang Chow Wan	Macao	Monday, 1st, 9.00 A.M.
Shanghai	Lycoen	Monday, 1st, 9.00 A.M.
Canton, Kiu-chuk and Samshou	Powen	Monday, 1st, 9.00 A.M.
Swatow, Chefoo and Tientsin	Takling	Monday, 1st, 9.00 A.M.
Macao	Ensay	Monday, 1st, 9.00 A.M.
Namtu	Hengshan	Monday, 1st, 9.00 A.M.
Sanbu	Tai-chu	Monday, 1st, 9.00 A.M.
Macao	Huifu	Monday, 1st, 9.00 A.M.
Canton	Wing-ka	Tuesday, 2nd, 7.30 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Kindon	Tuesday, 2nd, 10.00 A.M.
Manila	Thales	Tuesday, 2nd, 11.00 A.M.
Macao	Legazpi	Tuesday, 2nd, 1.15 P.M.
Samshui, Shiu-hing, Takling and Wuchow	Hengshan	Tuesday, 2nd, 4.00 P.M.
Kowloon and Kunchuk	Kongnou	Tuesday, 2nd, 4.00 P.M.
	Lindan	Tuesday, 2nd, 4.00 P.M.
		Tuesday, 2nd, 4.00 P.M.

MACAO, AMOY, SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE,
YOKOHAMA, HONOLULU and SAN FRANCISCO

Canton
Namtu
Sanbu
Macao
Canton

SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA,
VICTORIA and VANCOUVER (B.C.)
(Supplementary mail on board up to the
time fixed for departure of the mail
Extra Postage 10 cents.)

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Postage 10 cents.)
(Letters posted in all the Pillar Boxes
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included in this contract mail.)

Macao
Singapore, Penang and Calcutta
Manila
Canton
Canton
Shanghai
Canton
Swatow, Chinkoo and Tientsin
Cobu and Boito
Manila

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SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA,
VICTORIA and VANCOUVER (B.C.)

Singapore, Penang and Bombay
Manila

TO-DAY.
The Tai-pai Dramatic Co., Theatre Royal,
City Hall, 9 P.M.
TO-MORROW.
Sale, Jewellery, Central Police Station,
Messrs. Hughes and Hough, 11.30 a.m.

COMMERCIAL.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

30th July.

ON LONDON.—
Telegraphic Transfer 1/10th
Bank Bills, on demand 1/10th
Bank Bills, at 30 days sight 1/10th
Bank Bills, at 4 months sight 1/10th
Credits, at 4 months' sight 1/10th
Documentary Bills, 4 months' sight/10th

ON PARIS.—
Bank Bills, on demand 2/3rd
Credits, at 4 months' sight 2/3rd

ON GERMANY.—
On demand 1/8th

ON NEW YORK.—
Bank Bills, on demand 45th

Credits, 60 days' sight 45th

ON HONGKONG.—
Telegraphic Transfer 13th
Bank, on demand 13th

ON CALCUTTA.—
Telegraphic Transfer 13th
Bank, on demand 13th

ON SHANGHAI.—
Bank, on sight 7th

Private, 30 days' sight 7th

ON YOKOHAMA.—
On demand 9th

ON MANILA.—
On demand Nominal.

ON SINGAPORE.—
On demand Nominal.

ON BATZYLIA.—
On demand 11th

ON HAIFONG.—
On demand 2 p.m.

ON SAIGON.—
On demand 6th

ON BANGKOK.—
On demand 6th

SOVEREIGNS, Bank's Buying Rate \$10.70

GOLD LEAF, 100 lbs. per tael \$56.50

BAR SILVER, per oz. 27

OPIUM.

30th July.

Quotations are— Allow 'em not to 1 cent.

Malwa New \$104th to \$106 per picul

Malwa Old \$116th to \$114th

Malwa Older \$124th to \$120th

Malwa V. Old \$128th to \$125th

Persian fine quality \$85th to —

Persian extra fine \$88th to —

Fatwa New \$112th to — per chest.

Fatwa Old \$131th to —

Bonnes New \$117th to —

Bonnes Old \$121th to —

VESSELS EXPECTED.

THE INDIAN MAIL.

The Indo-China steamer *Lai-ting*, from Calcutta and the Straits, left Singapore for this port on the 26th July, at 6 p.m., and may be expected here on the 1st August.

THE GERMAN MAIL.

The I.G.M. steamer *Prinz Regent Luitpold* left Kobe via Nagasaki and Shanghai on the 25th July, and may be expected here on Tuesday, the 2nd August.

THE AMERICAN MAIL.

The P.M. steamer *Korez*, from San Francisco to the 12th July via Honolulu, arrived at Yoko-hama on the 29th July.

THE CANADIAN MAIL.

The G.P.R. steamer *Gauke* left San Francisco for this port via Honolulu, &c., on the 16th July.

THE INDIAN MAIL.

The G.P.R. steamer *Empress of India* left Vancouver on Monday, the 25th July, p.m., for Hongkong via the usual ports of call.

Ideal Milk



Enriched 20 per cent.
with Cream.

Sterilized—Not Sweetened.
A Perfect Substitute for Fresh
Milk.

JOINT STOCK SHARES.

Hongkong, 20th July.

COMPANY PAID UP QUOTATIONS.

Banks—Hongkong & Sh'au \$125 £100, 108 10s.

Nat'l. Bank of China
A. Shares 28 63s, buyers

B. Shares 28 63s, buyers

Foun. Shares 21 10s, buyers

Bell's Asbestos E. A. 125. 6d. 50, buyers

Canton-Hongkong Ice
Campbell, Macn. & Co. 310 10s, nominal

China-Borneo Co., Ltd. 37, sellers

China Light and
Power Co., Ltd. 310 10s, sellers

China Prov. & M. 100 89s, sellers

China Sugar 100 81s, sellers

Cigar Companies—

A. Alhamra, Ltd. 5000 115s, sellers

B. Philippines Co., Ltd. 10 90s, sellers

Cotton Mills—

Ewo 50 7s, 30, sellers

International 75 2s, 25

Laon King Mow 100 7s, 2s, 24

Soo-ye 50 14s, sellers

Hongkong Electric
H. L. Tramways
H. K. Wharf & G.
Hongkong Hotel 25 220, sellers & buy.

Hongkong Kowloon
H. & W. Doek 50 14s, sellers

Hongkong Kowloon
H. & W. Doek 50 14s, buyers

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H. & W. Doek 50 14s, buyers

Hongkong Land Inv. 100 151, ex div.

Humphreys E. 24 12, buyers

Kowloon Land & WestPoint Building 30 12, ex div.

Shanghai Land 150 151, ex div.

Luzon Sugar 100 10s, sellers

Liming—Charbonnages 250 140s, nominal

Punjon 21 10s, sellers

Rabbi 10 7s, sellers

New Amoy Dock 1910 7s, 10s, buyers

Shanghai Land 150 151, ex div.

Tsing-tze 100 10s, sellers

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